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Kovacs Karoly, son of the chairman of the Catholic movement in Hungary, has reported in a second article in the German newspaper Kölnische Rundschau that Cardinal Mindszenty was visited in prison in Budapest by his aged mother, but that he did not know her and mumbled only, "I am well. I am treated well and everything is fine."

The 29-year-old Karoly reports that he was Cardinal Mindszenty's cellmate in prison. Having been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, he succeeded in escaping to the British Zone in February.

He writes that he and the Cardinal were placed in a hermetically sealed cell and subjected to changes in the air pressure until they fainted. When the Cardinal regained consciousness, he was urged to sign a document implicating a large number of prominent Catholics, but he refused. He was then forced to stand for hours on his toes with his hands above his head. He fainted several times, but was revived with cold water.

After 3 days without food, Karoly and the Cardinal were promised that they could leave Hungary by plane if they would sign the document. They refused. They were then given very salty food and a guard brought water, which they were permitted to drink only after they had swallowed a number of tablets. The Cardinal was forced to swallow eight of the tablets. In a drugged condition, the Cardinal was then induced to sign various documents.

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